

16. (Amended) A method of inhibiting CD44-facilitated HIV infection of a mononuclear phagocyte [cell] susceptible to [HIV] infection with a strain of HIV comprising contacting said mononuclear phagocyte [cell] with an amount of an anti-CD44 antibody sufficient to bind to CD44 molecules present on the surface of said mononuclear phagocyte [cell] and thereby inhibit said CD44-facilitated infection of said [cell] mononuclear phagocyte by said strain of a HIV.

Claim 17, line 1, change "13" to --16--; and  
line 2, change "mucosal" to --vaginal--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "13" to --16--.

Claim 19, line 2, change "ex vivo" to --in vitro--.

Add the following new claim.

--20. The method according to claim 16 wherein said strain of HIV is a monocytotropic strain.--